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Number of Prohibition cases.

* 68 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Prohibition cases detected in all the Prohibition districts from October 1947 to June 1948 (monthwar); and

(*b*) of the total number of cases reported in all the Prohibition districts how many related to illicit distillation (monthwar)?

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) The total number of Prohibition cases was—

October 1947 ..	3,414	March 1948 ..	5,880
November 1947 ..	3,918	April 1948	5,138
December 1947 ..	4,453	May 1948	4,873
January 1948 ..	5,924	June 1948	5,358
February 1948 ..	5,369		

" (*b*) The total number of illicit distillation cases was—

October 1947 ..	1,283	March 1948 ..	1,400
November 1947 ..	1,636	April 1948	1,377
December 1947 ..	1,304	May 1948	1,291
January 1948 ..	1,670	June 1948	1,391 "
February 1948 ..	1,431		

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know the reasons for the increase which is noticeable, from 3,000 to 5,000, in the number of prohibition cases? " 11-30 a.m.

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" It is because of the vigilance of the staff."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it put forward by the Government that the staff are vigilant and that is the reason for the increase in the number of offences detected? "

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Certainly it is due to the increased vigilance and increased experience on the part of the Prohibition staff that they were able to catch more people."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government expect the number to go up as the officers become more vigilant? "

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" No, Sir; there is a limit to it and on account of vigilance cases will go down hereafter."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Has the limit been reached now? "

The Hon. Dr. S. GURUBATHAM :—" I cannot say, Sir."

Sri S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is correct that the number of cases of illicit distillation is now greater than the number of toddy shops in the pre-Prohibition period? "

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THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" That is not the proper conclusion to be arrived it."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it correct to say, Sir, that the Government have established a cottage industry for illicit distillation by extending Prohibition? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" The implication is not true."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the number of cases of illicit distillation is greater than cases of illicit tapping or practically illicit tapping is absent? "

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" Illicit tapping is not completely absent. There is a small percentage where we have allowed jaggery production. Where we have got about a thousand licences, only about 25 cases have been recorded and that is such a negligible number."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Total number of composing elementary education centres.

9 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement giving the number of villages in each district where compulsory elementary education has been introduced, the cost of each scheme to the Government, increase in the number of pupils since the introduction of compulsion?

A.—A statement [a] giving particulars about the number of villages selected for the introduction of compulsory elementary education is laid on the table of the House.

The expenditure incurred on the scheme during the years 1945–46 to 1947–48 was as follows :—

Years.	Expenditure.
	RS.
1945–46	13,72,337
1946–47	50,53,513
1947–48	33,04,644

The number of pupils enrolled up to 31st December 1946 was 1·69 lakhs. Information regarding children brought to schools after that date is not available.

Expenditure incurred by certain committees.

10 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total expenditure incurred by the committees referred to hereunder as also the amounts drawn by each individual member thereof towards travelling, daily and other allowances.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 101 infra.

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